(xvii) AWW would also assist in implementation of Nutrition Programme for Adolecent Girls (NPAG) as per the guidelines of the Scheme and maintain such record as prescribed under the NPAG.

(xviii) Anaganwadi Worker can function as depot holder for RCH Kit/ contraceptives and disposable delivery kits. However, actual distribution of delivery kits or administration of drugs, other than OTC (Over the Counter) drugs would actually be carried out by the ANM or ASHA as decided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(xix) To identify the disability among children during her home visits and refer the case immediately to the nearest PHC or District Disability Rehabilitation Centre.

(xx) To support in organizing Pulse Polio Immunization (PPI) drives.

(xxi) To inform the ANM in case of emergency cases like diarrhoea, cholera etc.

Poverty stricken children in Bihar

2248. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1000 poverty stricken family children are either kidnapped or go out of Bihar as per the information published in the print media recently; and

(b) if so, the measures Government are taking for children's education, health and employment in the States like Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Welfare of anganwadi workers

†2249. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever thought seriously about Anganwadi workers;

(b) if so, the steps taken for their well being; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.